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a consensus of views obtained as to the best modes of promoting the industrial welfare of the country.

(4) That the hereditary condition of the artizan classes should be improved.

(5) That industries should be developed by giving State aid.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestions of the Member are noted.

55. *Disabilities of Native Christian converts in the matter of inheritance.*

Mr. G. Coelho (Member, Roman Catholic Christian Associations, Quilon and Trivandrum) said that converts to Christianity had been labouring under disabilities in regard to inheritance, and that they were being heavily handicapped, owing to the absence of any provision for securing their interest in family properties. The question had been brought up at the previous sessions of the Assembly but Government said that it was inexpedient to undertake legislation. In an enlightened country and with the progress of civilization, it was hard to realise that a man had to forego all his possessions, if on conviction he thought it fit to change his creed. He therefore requested that Government might be pleased to reconsider the question and take early steps to legislate in the matter on the lines of the British Indian Act XXI of 1850.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestion is noted.

56. *Satrom accommodation for Christians.*

Mr. G. Coelho (Member, Roman Catholic Christian Associations, Quilon and Trivandrum) said that Native Christian travellers in the State suffered great inconvenience at present owing to the absence of satrom accommodation for them and that in this matter they should be treated on the same footing as their brethren of other communities, who are provided with the requisite accommodation. The Government had declared it as their policy to provide convenience for all classes. He requested that prompt measures might be taken to meet the wants of Native Christian way-farers, and added that, if it was not possible to erect new buildings, separate kitchens might at least be provided in the existing satroms.

Mr. Thomas Mathai (Member, Travancore and Cochin Christian Association, Kottayam) also referred to the difficulties experienced by Christian travellers for want of proper accommodation. They were denied access to the existing satroms owing to caste scruples, and the travellers' bungalows were beyond their means. He requested that either rest-houses distinct from those intended for high caste

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